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If you fail to receive your pa-
per, notify this office at once.

A Boer has been arrested in South
Africa for treason. What a fearful
increase of prison capacity would be
required, if every bore in this coun-
try were arrested and jailed.

We trust our friends will not grow
impatient if communications do not
appear more promptly. We are ter-
ribly crowded but will get even after
a while, and then—well, we'll do the
very best we can.

An applicant for admission to one
of the leading educational institutions
of the State, in answer to the ques-
tion: "Who is the author of the Gol-
den Rule, 'Do unto others as you
would have others do unto you,'"

promptly answered: "Mark Twain."
He also thought Beecher was the au-
thor of Pilgrim's Progress. This
youth contains presidential material
for the twentieth century.

If the people of Maine will not al-
low Lamson quietly to become gover-
nor, he ought to pitch in and lamsome
of them very severely, and he will
have a better show for his white al-
ley.

The Democracy of Maine, recently
convicted of Garcelony before the
supreme court, are now suffering un-
told misery in the spasms of a severe
attack from (chill) Blaine. Thus
it is ever; misfortunes never come
singly.

We copy from the Logansport Jour-
nal the brave, manly letter of Colonel
A. D. Streight, of this city, regarding
the exodus. The letter does credit
alike to Colonel Streight's head and
heart. If some of these unfortunate
people who come to our State are
paupers, who but Democratic slave-
holders made them so?

A stupid old ignoramus, who could
neither read nor write, refused to
serve on the library committee of
the Ohio legislature, of which the
Hon. Geo. W. Williams, the colored
member and scholarly gentleman, is
chairman. Mr. Williams ought to
resent the insult of putting such an
ignorant old ass on his committee.

Wanted: A Louisiana liar, who is
so highly accomplished in his chosen
profession, that he can tell a lie so
intricate, complicated, and "slick,"
that no other Louisiana liar can suc-
cessfully contradict, refute and deny
it in detail. For such an individual
there seems to be at present a wide
field of usefulness at the National
capital.

Hon. Geo. W. Williams, the colored
member of the Ohio Legislature,
stopped into a restaurant the other
day, in Columbus, and called for a
meal. He was refused accommoda-
tion on account of his color. The
matter was brought to the attention
of the Legislature and a committee
appointed to investigate and report.
The outrage is one of common occur-
rence in many Northern cities and
Mr. Williams will merit the thanks
of his race if he brings these scamps
to condign punishment.

The Journal has completed its in-
terview of Republicans as to their
preferences for president. The result
places the Hon. James G. Blaine far
in advance of all competitors. Straws
indicate the bent of the wind, and may
this not be an indication that the Plum-
ed Knight will distance all starters
and handily lead them to the goal
of political ambition. The following
is the result of the interviews: Total
number of persons interviewed, 6,028;
for Blaine, 2,142; for Grant, 1,760;
for Sherman, 1,545; for nominee and
scattering, 581.

Quite a sensation has been created
in political circles by the calling of
the county Republican convention for
the 6th of March. The Republi-
cans will carry Marion county wheth-
er the convention be held early or late,
unless an internecine war breaks out
and is waged to the bitter end. If
entire harmony can be secured by
postponing the convention, it would
probably be best for the central com-
mittee to follow the example of the
State central committee by coming
together and postponing the conven-
tion until a later date.

Our table was ornamented this week
by the first issue of the "Suffragist,"
a weekly journal published in New
York city, by J. W. A. Shaw, in the
interest of the colored people. The
general make-up of the paper is very
neat, indeed, and the matter is first-
class. We are free to say, however,
that we do not like the tone of the
salutatory and our prediction is that
if the policy therein out-
lined is followed the paper will
land on the "ever-green shore" before
a six month rolls around. The Suffra-
gist treats with complacent unconcern
the outrages to which our race have
been subjected in the South. It says,
"The readers of the Suffragist will
see at a glance that we do not believe
the future of our race and its pros-
perity in the South contingent upon
of the party from whose iron grasp
public sentiment has recently liberat-
ed that section; on the contrary, we
regard its overthrow as the dawn of
an era full of hope."

**Voorhees as a Statesman—His Fail-
ure.**

Notwithstanding the fact that Sen-
ator Daniel W. Voorhees occupies an
important and exalted position in
the government of this country, a po-
sition in point of honor and responsi-
bility second only to that of President
—yet, viewed from an impartial
standpoint, and giving full weight to
his natural and acquired abilities and
the political policy which he has ad-
vocated, he must be regarded as one
of the most striking examples of fail-
ure in statesmanship which this na-
tion and generation affords. If we
look at his career from the vulgar
standpoint of office getting, it can be
said that he has been moderately suc-
cessful; for he has probably enjoyed
the honors and emoluments of office-
holding to a greater extent than a
majority of the foremost leaders of a
party which, by reason of its blun-
ders and crimes, has been out of
power in the general government for
twenty years. But office-holding is
not the sum total of statesmanship.
In point of fact it is only an opportu-
nity to display those qualifications
which, combined, proclaim their pos-
sessor a statesman.

True statesmanship consists in the
justice, the wisdom, and the practica-
bility of the measures which a public
man advocates. If his measures are
unwise, he is an unsafe adviser, and,
therefore, no statesman. If unjust,
he is a tyrant; and if impracticable,
he is a mere theorist, instead of a wise
leader. Weighed in such a balance
as this, the public career of Senator
Voorhees must inevitably be labeled
and consigned to that niche in the
Temple of Fame reserved for political
miscarriages—might-have-beens.

Let us look at his political life, and
see if his record does not justify
what has been said of him. Coming
on to the stage of action shortly be-
fore the Rebellion began, when the
whole country was ablaze with ex-
citement caused by the repeal of the
Missouri compromise, and the at-
tempt of the Southern rowdies, aided
by Buchanan's administration, to
force slavery upon the people of Kan-
sas against their will, where do we
find him? Do we see him standing
up nobly among the defenders of hu-
man freedom, and resisting these
daring outrages upon liberty and free
institutions. No. We see him strik-
ing hands and joining fortunes with
an infamous mob of outlaws, robbers,
murderers and kidnappers, whose
avowed policy was to sell men
and women like horses; and who
would snatch suckling children from
their mothers' breasts and sell them
to a slave-trading beast with as little
compunction of conscience as they
would feel in selling a calf, or a colt
from its mother, and that, too, often-
times, when they themselves were
the fathers of the very children whom
they ruthlessly tore from their moth-
ers' arms and consigned to a hopeless
life of misery and oppression. It is
with such villains as these that Sen-
ator Voorhees cast his lot when mat-
ure manhood brought him into the po-
litical arena. Is it any wonder that his
subsequent career has been what it
has—so full of what was really bad—
detrimental to the nation's welfare?

But let us go on a little further.
Where do we find him then? Do we
see him gallantly offering his services
on the field of battle or elsewhere in
defense of his country's honor and
the integrity of her territory? No.
Nothing of the kind. We see him
recommending suitable Northern ren-
egades for service in the rebel army.
We see him denouncing Union sol-
diers as hirelings and dogs. We see
him standing up in the halls of Con-
gress and refusing to vote a man or
a dollar for the suppression of the
Rebellion. We see him cowardly
skulking in the rear of the Federal
army, organizing secret, oath-bound
gangs of copperhead sympathizers
with Southern treason, for the pur-
pose of resisting the draft, liberating
rebel prisoners, and raising a North-
ern rebellion in aid of the Southern.
There is where we find our wise,
brave, noble and patriotic(?) Senator
in the trying time of his country's
peril—an obstructionist, a growler,
a skulker, a secret oath-bound traitor.
Such is his record.

After the war was over, what was
his policy? Did he accept its legitimate
results as accomplished facts, as did
some of the wisest rebel leaders? No.
Not he. In his opinion the constitu-

tional amendments and the recon-
struction measures were "revolution-
ary and void." His speeches in Con-
gress encouraged the more reckless
and dangerous class of the ex-rebel
element to persist in their murder-
robbery, and outrage of the inexpe-
rienced and unarmed colored people
in their midsts.

His campaign speeches have attract-
ed public notice simply from the
amount of vituperative, villainous,
and ruffianly abuse of the negro race—
a race of people who never did him
nor his harm—which they contained.
No speech that Daniel W. Voorhees
has ever made drew public attention
on account of any sound, practical
wisdom it contained, for he never made
such a speech. He has devoted the
oratorical ability of his early man-
hood and mature years to the task of
bravely abusing a race of people who
were not in a position to reply to his
vilification, and whose only crime
was that they belonged, partly, to a
different race.

The latest demonstrations to the
gross ignorance, partisanship, and lack
of statesmanship on the part of Voor-
hees, are his position on the question
of finance and the negro exodus from
the South. For the past dozen years
he has howled himself hoarse in every
campaign for the issue of a billion or
two of irredeemable paper currency,
supplementing the demand with the
assertion that unless it were done the
country would be ruined. Fortun-
ately, through the wisdom of real
statesmanship, the country has been
spared the misery, want and despair
that must inevitably have followed
in the wake of governmental adop-
tion, of any such ignorant and reck-
less scheme. Happily, everybody can
now see the extreme foolishness and
danger of such a financial policy.

Last but not least among the blun-
ders of this would-be statesman, is
his noisy clamor, for a congressional
committee to investigate the im-
migration of negroes from North Carolina
to Indiana, as if Congress had any
more power to stop this movement,
even if it desired to do so, than has
an assemblage of Petroleum V. Na-
sby's cross-road Democrats at Bascom's.
It is barely possible that
Voorhees knew this, and simply de-
sired an opportunity to discharge a
large quantity of gas, which has been
accumulating ever since the success
of resumption was assured, as well as
to keep his hand in at abusing, villi-
fying and misrepresenting the negro
race. It is probable, too, that he de-
sired to sound the keynote that would
serve as a rallying cry for the ignorant
prejudiced and pig-headed portion
of his party here in Indiana. Whatever
may have been his intention, he has
succeeded in making himself appear
thoroughly foolish and contemptible
in the eyes of sensible people.

Every prominent feature in the
career of Senator Voorhees proclaims
him an enemy instead of a friend
to human liberty, a partisan instead
of a patriot, and a quack instead of
a statesman. Everything that has been
said of Dennis Kearney as a states-
man, may of truth be said of Voor-
hees. They are alike in all import-
ant respects. Daniel is a college-bred
demagogue, while Dennis is one of
nature's impromptu, spontaneous pro-
ducers. If one is a statesman, the
other is and vice versa.

It is what a man advocates and does
that makes him a statesman? Now
we ask, in all sincerity, what
Daniel W. Voorhees has done, or what
measure or measures he has advocat-
ed that entitle him to the rank of
statesman. Coming generations will
be the true judges of the statesman-
ship of our day. Now, by what single
act or word of his will they ever hear
of his claims to statesmanship? While
the names of Lincoln, Brown, Sum-
ner, Morton, and a host of others,
will go down to posterity laureled
and wreathed with the crown of im-
mortality: that of Daniel Webster
Voorhees must infallibly sink into
that sea of forgetfulness which his
political career so richly merits. One
hundred years hence the student of
American history will never know
that such a man existed. He has not
made, nor has he helped to make
anything worthy of historical record.
His life has been a failure. His ca-
reer is a warning to young men en-
tering political life, and wishing to do
something by which they will be re-
membered by posterity.

The Maine Trouble.

Since our last issue, affairs in Maine
have undergone a remarkable change.
On Monday evening the Republicans
quietly took possession of the State
House, and organized both branches
of the legislature.

The Democrats were thunderstruck
but powerless. The Republicans im-
mediately appointed a committee to
prepare questions to be submitted to
the supreme court of the State in or-
der to have that body decide as to
which is the legal legislature. These
questions have been prepared and
submitted to the court, and a decision
may be expected at any time.

There is no doubt now about the
ultimate triumph of the Republicans
in this affair. The court has already
decided the chief points in dispute.
In fact the fraud attempted by the
Democrats and fusionists is of such a
bare-faced character that they do not
themselves expect any consideration
from the courts. Since Garcelon's
rebuke at the hands of the court, the
sole aim of these conspirators has
been to keep the matter out of the
courts. The Republicans, however,
have outwitted the scamps and put
the matter in position for speedy
settlement, for armed with the deci-
sion of the supreme court in his hands
General Chamberlain will make quick
work of the rump assembly of Demo-
crats and Fusionists. General Cham-
berlain's management of affairs has
been good. He is brave without
bluster and firm without obstinacy.
When Lamson, presi-
dent of the Fusion Senate, qual-
ified as governor and asked if
General Chamberlain would recognize
him. The General promptly and
politely informed him that the ques-
tion was a legal one and beyond his
jurisdiction. He advised the would-
be governor to use his influence to
have the question brought before the
supreme court—the only competent
tribunal to decide.

In all probability before another
week rolls around Maine will have a
Republican State Government and
the discomfited Democrats and Fusi-
onists will be a good deal wiser though
probably not better men.

Representative Williams of the
Ohio Legislature is making himself
so useful in the Ohio Legislature that
we are constrained to advise Hamil-
ton county to draw more largely upon
his inexhaustible abilities, by send-
ing him to the 47th Congress. His
meeting with brigadiers in the halls
of Congress will not be the first. He
met them at Fort Wagner and other
places where it required a good deal
more courage to face a brigadier than
it does now; and, then, a Negro con-
gressman from the North and espe-
cially from the Buckeye State, would
be incontrovertible evidence of the
decay of that vile prejudice which
crushes worth and merit if ornament-
ed by a dark hue and inflicts the sev-
erest of penalties upon a man who
neglects to be born white.

In another column may be found
the announcements of the leading can-
didates for the various county and
township offices to be filled at the next
election. The Republicans have such
excellent material from which to
make the selections that a mistake
can hardly be made. Of the candi-
dates we shall have somewhat to say
in future issues.

DERBY BIRDS.

**Grand Reception by the Derby Club
of Chicago.**

Complimentary to its Married Belles.

Chicago polite society has been on the
qui vive for quite a long while watch-
ing and waiting for the reception promised
by way of compliment to the esteemed ladies
of the Derby club, who have recently been
wooed and won by three of our estem-
able young men: Mrs. D. W. Dempsey, nee
Ida May McIntosh; Mrs. J. Skinner, nee
Carrie Jenkins and Mrs. A. Anderson, nee
Marie Brown, each in turn were led to
the altar and vowed perpetual allegiance
to a highly favored lord of creation, and
then followed a brilliant reception, com-
pliments, presents, etc. But the Derby's
work, but finally succumbed and gave up
felt like "throwing a shoe" at the brides
and they did so with a royal good will.

About two weeks ago invitations to the
number of 100 were sent to favored friends,
inviting them to the reception at the resi-
dence of Mrs. William Proctor, Thursday
evening, January 8, 1880. The invitations
were as fine as any ever issued here among
the colored people. A handsome impres-
sion of a horse shoe was a neat and ele-
gant ornament while the printers work
was perfection itself. Such handsome

BOSTON STORE

Great Reduction in Prices DRY GOODS

9-1 Brown Sheetings - - 25c.
10-4 Brown Sheetings 25 to 30 "
Ginghams - - - 8 1/2 "
Felt Skirts - 50c, worth 75 "
Knit Ulster - \$1.50, worth \$2.75 "
Knit Ulster 2.50, worth 4.00 "
Large Lot of Crashes
6, 8 and 10 "
Best Percales - - 10 "
Linen H'd'ks - 5 "
Lonsdale Cambric - 13 "
Lace Curtains and Cretons at
very low prices to reduce stock.

We have an Overstock
of Black Cashmeres, all
we have to say is, price
the goods and you will
buy.

Our Stock of Real Hair
Goods, is the largest in the
State. Our prices the lowest.

M. H. Spades,
BOSTON STORE.

cards evidenced a full dress reception, and
straight away pocket-books began to weep,
while dry goods houses and dress makers
sailed in satisfaction.

Promptly at 9 o'clock on the aforesaid
evening the carriage began to land the
reception committee and their company at
the door. The gentlemen wore handsome
gold horse shoe badges enameled and let-
tered. Carriage after carriage arrived and
left, till about 45 couples were present and
were making the hours pass happily by.
Hans and Freiburg's orchestra discor-
ed the sweetest strains and the commod-
ious and well appointed apartments pre-
sented a scene of elegant and pleasant so-
ciety in this city. Frequently there were
six different sets upon the floor at one time
which fact shows there was room enough
for all. Dancing began at 10 o'clock the
grand March being led by the brides and
their fortunate husbands. Such a change
ing into this "dreamy waltz" followed the
list of latest and best dances in all of which
the company was pleasantly proficient.

The costumes were exceedingly elegant,
quite a number of ladies vying with the
brides in the elegance of their toilets. The
gentlemen were attired in usual full dress.
At 1 o'clock the company paid their hearty
compliments to the elegant supper served
by Harms. The caterer was equal to the
emergency and displayed a table unsur-
passed by any reception yet given here.
Let it be said here to the praise of the
Derby club that wine was served in no
form whatever—a precedent we hope will
never be forgotten. Such a change of
dresses unstinted appreciation and will win
friends on every hand. After supper dan-
cing was resumed and continued till near-
ly 4 o'clock and as the Derby's saw the
last guest depart a sense of regret and sat-
isfaction must have gladdened their hearts
over their unqualified success in this, the
affair of the season.

There were two notable absentees,
Messrs D. W. Dempsey and B. L. Jenkins,
both unfortunately out of the city. The
reception committee, Mr. J. B. Williams,
president, succeeded in meeting every re-
quirement of the guests and have their
many thanks therefor.
There were present: Mrs. D. W. Dempsey,
Mrs. J. Skinner, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs.
V. Wilson, Mrs. J. G. Jones, Mrs. R. Par-
ish, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. R. Rush, Mrs.
R. Chapman, Mrs. W. Proctor, Mrs. W.
Monroe, Mrs. H. C. Beauford, Mrs. I. Hill,
Mrs. L. Taylor, Mrs. Augusta, Mrs. Toles,
Mrs. J. Harner, Mrs. H. G. Jackson, Mrs.
J. Q. Grant, Mrs. W. Terry, Mrs. G. Mat-
thews, Mrs. D. Ferguson, Mrs. Rohn, Mrs.
I. Beasfield, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Stoball, Mrs.
F. White, Mrs. J. Matthews, Miss A. A.
Thompson, Miss H. Warner, Miss M. At-
kinson, Miss M. Ransom, Miss C. O. Brown,
Miss E. Brown, Miss H. Brown, Miss Katie
Brown, Miss J. Hudlin, Miss
Miss V. Lewis, Miss A. Gaddis,
T. Richardson, Miss G. Watson, Miss
L. Pointz, Miss Osbourne, Miss L. Cheek,
Miss Garnett.

The following gentlemen were present:
J. M. Skinner, A. Anderson, D. Fergu-
son, Wm. Brown, J. Gordon, J. Plummer,
R. Chapman, J. Hill, Wm. Mott, S. Taylor
D. Moore, J. Pointer, Wm. Beasley, S.
Hudlin, G. Smith, A. B. Tolliver, B. Mc
Ghee, J. Crisp, H. Beauford, F. Butler
J. H. Diggs, W. H. Hudlin, W. Moore,
J. Watts, E. Jackson, A. Allen, J. Q. Grant
W. Terry, H. Stoball, J. B. Williams, C.
Lewis, Wm. Proctor, Prof. Handy, Prof.
Peterson, J. Brown, F. Barnett, M. Terry.

Miss Ruth Colosoe, of Cleveland, Ohio,
is in the city on a visit, stopping with her
relative Mrs. T. Bush, on Butterfield
street.

Mr. George B. Vivion mentioned recent-
ly as graduating from our high school,
has received a position as principal of the
colored school at Paris Mo. This is a re-
ward of merit, and quite worthy won.

Miss Lizzie Mblinn, of New Haven,
Conn., sister of Mrs. George C. Booth,
arrived in the city Wednesday a. m. Miss
M. came direct from Philadelphia, where
she has been visiting, and will remain in
Chicago till March.

John D. Washington, a highly respected
citizen, died Wednesday morning at 8
o'clock. Deceased has been ailing for a
long while past with tendencies towards
consumption. He was an excellent cook,
and was employed by one of the finest city
restaurants. With wonder he kept at his
work, but finally succumbed and gave up
his position last week. Deceased was a
past officer of Corinthian commandry
No. 18, St. Marks chapter No. 36 and
North Star Lodge No. 1. A member of
Providence church, he was a consistent
Christian, and died in the faith leaving his
wife and little girl to mourn his untimely
demise.